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SUBJ: MEDIA TREATMENT OF KISSINGER SPEECH

1. SUMMARY: PORTUGUESE MEDIA APRIL 24-26 HAVE GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE TO KISSINGER' S " YEAR OF EUROPE" SPEECH. NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER THEME IS MOST PROMINENT SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTED. PRESS TREATMENT THUS FAR GENERALLY FAVORABLE.
2. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (LISBON), LARGEST SELLING PORTUGUESE DAILY, DEVOTES PROMINENT FRONT- PAGE SPACE 4/24 TO AFP SUMMARY OF SPEECH. NOTICIAS 4/26 CARRIES TRANSLATION OF L' AURORE' S FAVORABLE COMMENTARY BY ALEX GERARD ON FRONT PAGE. NOTICIAS' INTERNATIONAL COMMENTATOR MORAIS CABRAL DEVOTES BACK PAGE COLUMN 4/26 TO PRAISE OF SPEECH, PARTICULARLY KISSINGER' S RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN ON WORLD SCENE.
3. O SEculo (LISBON) OF 4/24 DEVOTES FRONT- PAGE SPACE TO AFP SUMMARY OF SPEECH.
4. LEADING AFERNOON DAILY, DIARIO POPULAR, (LISBON) OF 4/24 HEADLINES REUTERS SUMMARY OF SPEECH " JAPAN SHOULD BELONG TO ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, IN OPINION OF KISSINGER." SAME PAPER 4/25 CARRIES AFP STORY, UNDER HEADLINE " NIXON UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL PROPOSE NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER," AND ALSO REPORTS THAT KISSINGER' S SPEECH WAS RECEIVED WITH RESERVATIONS IN TOKYO.

5. GOVERNMENT- LINING EPOCA (LISBON) OF 4/2 5 CARRIES UPI/ ANI REPORT FROM BRUSSELS TO EFFECT THAT EEC SPOKESMAN TERMED KISSINGER SPEECH " CONCILIATORY" BUT ALSO " VAGUE." SPOKESMAN SAID EEC WOULD STUDY CHARTER PROPOSAL. EPOCA' S EDITORIAL COMMENT OF 4/25 STRESSED THAT ECONOMIC ISSUES, PARTICULARLY PETROLEUM, LAY BEHIND KISSINGER' S PROPOSAL. EDITORIAL GENERALLY FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH IT COMPLAINS THAT KISSINGER' S CALL FOR " GLOBAL VISION" IS UNCLEAR.

6 OPPOSITIONIST REPUBLICA (LISBON) OF 4/24 CARRIES BRIEF, INSIDE- PAGE STORY BASED ON REUTERS DISPATCH GIVING HIGHLIGHTS OF KISSINGER' S SPEECH.

7. OPORTO' S THREE NEWSPAPERS GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO THE KISSINGER SPEECH WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT, AS DID PORTUGUESE RADIO AND TV.
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